

Maine HIV Incidence, January 1 to September 30, 2004

During the first nine months of 2004, 33 new HIV diagnoses were reported to the Maine Bureau of Health. Males who have sex with males continue to be disproportionately affected by HIV in Maine, accounting for 24 of the 33 cases (73%). So far this year, 18 people diagnosed with HIV (55%) were simultaneously diagnosed with AIDS, likely indicating they'd been infected with HIV for a long while before seeking testing. It is estimated that approximately 1,200 people in Maine are living with HIV, and that between one-third and one-quarter are unaware of their infection.

The table below shows demographic characteristics for HIV diagnoses made during the first nine months of 2004. It also presents cumulative data for "People living in Maine with diagnosed HIV infection" (see footnote below).

(rounded percents in parentheses)

Mode of Transmission	New HIV Diagnoses, 1/1/04 to 9/30/04	People living in Maine with diagnosed HIV¹
Males Who Have Sex with Males (MSM)	24 (73)	557 (56)
Injection Drug Users (IDU)	0 (0)	153 (15)
MSM/IDU	0 (0)	41 (4)
Received Contaminated Blood Products	0 (0)	13 (1)
Heterosexual Contact with At-Risk Partners ²	3 (9)	115 (11)
Heterosexual, No At-Risk Partners Disclosed	3 (9)	64 (6)
Child Born to Mother with HIV	1 (3)	11 (1)
Undetermined	2 (6)	48 (5)
Total	33 (100)	1002 (100)
Sex	New HIV Diagnoses, 1/1/04 to 9/30/04	People living in Maine with diagnosed HIV¹
Male	28 (85)	843 (84)
Female	5 (15)	159 (16)
Total	33 (100)	1002 (100)
Race	New HIV Diagnoses, 1/1/04 to 9/30/04	People living in Maine with diagnosed HIV¹
White	30 (91)	916 (91)
Black or African American	3 (9)	68 (7)
Asian	0	3 (<1)
American Indian/Alaska Native	0 (0)	12 (1)
Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander	0	0
More than one Race	0	0
Some Other Race	0	0
Unknown	0	3 (0)
Total	33 (100)	1002 (100)
Ethnicity	New HIV Diagnoses, 1/1/04 to 9/30/04	People living in Maine with diagnosed HIV¹
Hispanic	31 (94)	952 (95)
Not Hispanic	2 (6)	50 (5)
Unknown	0	0
Total	33 (100)	1002 (100)
Age at Diagnosis	New HIV Diagnoses, 1/1/04 to 9/30/04	People living in Maine with diagnosed HIV¹
less than 13	1	6 (1)
13-19	0	6 (1)
20-29	6 (18)	62 (6)
30-39	7 (21)	225 (22)
40-49	14 (42)	455 (45)
over 49	5 (15)	248 (25)
Unknown	0	0 (0)
Total	33 (100)	1002 (100)
Region of Residence	New HIV Diagnoses, 1/1/04 to 9/30/04	People living in Maine with diagnosed HIV¹
Northern (Aroostook, Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis and Washington Counties)	8 (24)	170 (17)
Central (Androscoggin, Franklin, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Sagadahoc, Somerset, and Waldo Counties)	15 (45)	298 (30)
Southern (Cumberland and York Counties)	10 (30)	532 (53)
Unknown		2 (0)
Total	33 (100)	1002 (100)

¹Includes living AIDS cases and confidential HIV reports made to the Bureau of Health through 9/30/04

²Includes partners who are MSM, IDU or partners who are infected with HIV.